



October 26, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Sessions,

Serious questions have been raised regarding the nomination of Stephanie Villafuerte to be United States Attorney for Colorado.

The Friday, October 23, 2009 edition of the Denver Post, "Questions Raised by Obama Nominee's FBI Chat," chronicles a disturbing pattern of behavior by Stephanie Villafuerte and the Denver District Attorney's Office while she was working on the 2006 election campaign of Governor Bill Ritter. Stephanie Villafuerte has refused to answer questions for two years regarding her possible involvement in the politically motivated and inappropriate use of a national crime data base to help her candidate, Bill Ritter.

It is clear from the Denver Post story that, to be charitable, Stephanie Villafuerte was not forthcoming in her conversations with the FBI.

The Denver Post editorialized on Saturday, October 24, 2009 that "Stephanie Villafuerte, nominee for Colorado's U.S. Attorney, owes the public some answers" and that "We hope that when the Senate Judiciary Committee takes up Villafuerte's confirmation, they'll use the opportunity to clear up the mystery."

Colorado deserves better than a U.S. Attorney who apparently might have used her former employer, the Denver District Attorney's Office, for blatant partisan political purposes to help Governor Bill Ritter in violation of the law.

I have attached copies of the Denver Post story which raises these disturbing questions and the Denver Post editorial which calls for the Senate Judiciary Committee to have them answered.

Sincerely,

Dick Wadhams
Colorado Republican State Chairman